



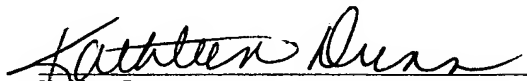
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Applicant: Benik Hovsepien Examiner: Vincent Trans
Serial No. 10/054,361 Group Art Unit: 2171
Filed: 01/17/2002 Docket No. 70028-010300
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF MANAGING PRE-PAID ELECTRONIC
ACCESS TO GOODS SERVICES AND OTHER CONTENT

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the decision to dismiss the Petition to Make Special, filed April 2, 2003.

Applicant hereby submits the following statement:

If the Office determines that all claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse and will follow established telephone restriction practice to make such an election, if requested to do so.

Applicant also supplements his detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the two Examiner cited references as follows:

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U. S. Patent Application No. US 2002/0147683 A1 to Capobianco *et al.*

The invention of Capobianco *et al.* is directed to a method for procuring only one type of content (viz., music). Specifically, as shown in Fig. 6, a user can input a PIN from a card, into a computer terminal that is connected to a single merchant vendor via a network, for procuring digital music.

In contrast, the present invention includes a software program, residing on a server, that allows a user, with a card, to access several merchant vendors and forums that may offer different types of content such as, music, video, gaming (col. 3, paragraph 42-43, and col. 4, paragraph 53). Thus, the user has the flexibility in selecting different types of content from different vendors, with a single card, using this invention.

U. S. Patent 6,246,755 B1 to Walker *et al.*

This invention is directed to a method and system for connecting a caller to a content provider. Specifically, as shown in Fig. 2 and col. 2, lines 40-46, a user has access to only one prepaid telephone vendor account, with one card, via the control logic box 240.


In contrast, the present invention includes a software program, residing on a server, that allows, a user with a card, to access several merchant vendors and forums that may offer different types of content such as, music, video, gaming (col. 3, paragraph 42-43, and col. 4, paragraph 53). Thus, the user has the flexibility in selecting different types of content from different vendors, with a single card, using this invention.

Grant of this petition is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 fee for this Petition, and any additional fees which may be required while this application is pending in the Patent Office, or credit any overpayment to Account No.: 50-2638. A duplicate copy of this Petition for Reconsideration is enclosed.

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